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Hello,

We have been advised by Quality Assurance International (QAI) that the National List is under review. It has been brought to our attention that the USDA AMS is seeking public comments to determine whether materials currently on the National List should continue to be allowed or prohibited in organic production and handling.

Our main concern is reference to No 205.605 of the National List, Diatomaceous Earth.

Diatomaceous Earth is presently the only filtration product that is used in the maple syrup business. No other product can be used as a filtration agent for maple syrup. It would cause a major problem for the maple syrup business if it would be taken off the National List. We recommend that Diatomaceous earth be kept on the National List.

Please contact me if you have any comments.

Respectfully yours,

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